

Remarks

The office action mailed on September 18, 2001 has been carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-27 and 38-64 are allowed.

Claims 65-73 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 65-67 have been amended herein.

Claims 75-77 have been added.

Claims 1-27, 38-64, 65-73, and 75-77 remain pending.

Reconsideration of the presently amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 66 and 67 have been amended. Support for the amended language may be found, for example, at page 4, lines 19-31.

Claims 75-77 depending from claim 65 have been added. Support for these dependent claims may be found, for example, at page 9, line 7 through page 10, line 9 of the specification.

Claims 65-73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Walker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,794,207). The '207 patent discloses a system and a method of facilitating a sales transaction based on "conditional purchase offers" from buyers.

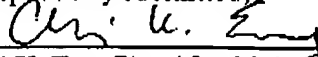
However, the '207 patent does not disclose or teach a system that includes "means for matching the sell and purchase orders and brokering a transaction of telecommunications service, on the basis of at least one of the specified classes of service," as required by the presently amended claim 65. (Support for the amended language may be found, for example, at page 4, lines 19-21 of the specification.) Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the section 103 rejection of claim 65 based on the Walker reference has been overcome. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

For the same reasons above, dependent claims 66-73 and 75-77 are patentable over the '207 patent.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance in light of the above amendments and remarks. Such action is respectfully requested.

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Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

65. (AMENDED) A telecommunications sale system comprising:

a plurality of sellers;

a plurality of buyers;

a network site connected to a server node for receiving sell and purchase orders from the sellers and buyers, respectively, for telecommunications services, each of said sell and purchase orders specifying a class of service; and

~~for each sell order, means for verifying the seller's telecommunications service parameters;~~

~~a database for identifying a seller's telecommunications service that satisfies a buyer's telecommunications service purchase order using the database; and~~

means for matching the sell and purchase orders and brokering a transaction of telecommunications service, on the basis of at least one of the specified classes of service
~~identifying a seller's telecommunications service that satisfies a buyer's telecommunications service purchase order using the database.~~

66. (AMENDED) The system of claim 65, further comprising ~~means for enabling an~~
interconnection node between the seller telecommunication network and the buyer
telecommunication network so as to enable a buyer to use telecommunications service
purchased from a seller.

67. (AMENDED) The system of claim 65, wherein ~~the communication line includes an~~
Internet connection said interconnection node is connected to said server node through a
communication line and receives instructions from said server node for connecting said
buyer and said seller telecommunications networks.

75. (NEW) The system of claim 65, wherein said at least one of the specified classes of
service includes Answer Seizure Ratio.

76. (NEW) The system of claim 65, wherein said at least one of the specified classes of
service includes Post Dial Delay.

77. (NEW) The system of claim 66, wherein said interconnection node includes a quality
monitoring equipment.